

quickly established himself as a leader and fixture in that industry. He would host at his home, as overnight guests, the likes of Frankie Avalon, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Pat Boone.

Mr. Levy ran for mayor of Buffalo in 1973, as a Republican in a heavily Democratic Buffalo. Though unsuccessful, his campaign tagline, "For the Love of Buffalo," reflected Stewart's pride and civic purpose. He inspired everyone he touched. He was charismatic and kind, interested and interesting, and insatiably curious. His mind and his enthusiasm never aged.

I remember thinking the last time I saw and visited with him that Stewart Levy was gifted with that rare quality—so rare—that made you look forward to the next opportunity you had to see and visit with him again.

To Stewart's wife, Faye, and sons, Jordy and Mitchell, thank you for sharing him with us. Stewart Levy will be missed, but there will always be light and inspiration to guide us from the love and friendship that he gave us.

AMERICA SUPPORTS HELPING FAMILIES IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

(Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, during a time when our Nation seems so divided, polarized, and unable to come together on any issue, there is one thing on which most of America agrees, by policy, politics, and polling.

In April, a national mental health survey found that 86 percent of Americans support the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act. When it comes to mental health, Democrats, Republicans, and Independents agreed that H.R. 2646 is the answer.

In July, the House followed America's call and came to pass the bill 422-2 to provide more hospital beds, more psychiatrists, psychologists, and reform our broken system. Now, the American people wait for the Senate to join us in passing this badly needed legislation.

Millions of Americans are saying: please do not leave Washington without passing the bill so that the House can concur and we can get it signed into law. Every day they don't, 959 new families mourn the loss of a loved one who suffered from mental illness. And every day, 118 families mourn a new death by suicide. Every day the Senate waits, we delay reform.

Pass H.R. 2646. Where there is help, there is hope.

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A BETTER WAY TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, as any hard-working American knows, health insurance costs and regulations impact all of us on a daily basis. Americans need patient-centered solutions to address our healthcare system's key problems, and House Republicans have a better way than the so-called Affordable Care Act to improve health care.

Our plan gives Americans more control and more choices. It makes sure they never have to worry about being turned away or having their coverage taken away, regardless of age, income, medical conditions, or circumstances. Our plan clears out the bureaucracy to accelerate the development of life-saving devices and therapies, and it protects Medicare for today's seniors and preserves the program for future generations.

This reform can't come soon enough. According to a report by the Kaiser Family Foundation, most North Carolinians are projected to have just one insurer's plan to choose from in the 2017 Federal individual health exchange.

I will not rest until ObamaCare is repealed and we have returned control of medical decisions to doctors and their patients.

THE CLANKING BAGS OF FILTHY LUCRE TO IRAN

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during negotiations with the criminal Ayatollah, the U.S. paid Iran, the world's largest state sponsor of terror, a \$400 million ransom to free hostages. Shockingly, the administration now has made two additional payments, totaling \$1.3 billion.

Speculation is our government may have used underhanded and sneaky tactics, multiple hard currencies, and precious metals to hide the filthy lucre from Americans.

The government's payments of bags of clanking coins to the outlaw nation will not go to build roads and bridges and hospitals. Instead, it is going to Iran's corrupt military and helping radical terrorists continue to spread murder and aggression.

Illusionaries say that the Iranian nuclear bribe deal will help us live together in peace and harmony. Peace is not what the rogue nation wants. They want death to America.

Why did our government pay off the Ayatollah to preach hate and prepare for war? We don't need to pay Iran to hate us. They will do it for free.

And that is just the way it is.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO ADDRESS THE ZIKA PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

(Mr. POLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, here we are debating various issues. Soon we will be going into debate on veterans bills, on tax cut bills. Yet this body has continually failed to act on addressing the Zika health crisis that has already impacted over 3,000 Americans in States like Texas and Florida, and it will only continue to get worse until we put the resources we need into our public health to prepare vaccinations, to deal with mosquito control.

This is the type of issue that doesn't solve itself. And it is amazing that, when people look to the United States Congress for leadership, rather than acting on funding Zika, months after the initial request by the President of the United States, we continue to discuss topics which are not going to become law, bills that would be vetoed if they pass the Senate, won't pass the Senate, and, obviously, don't address the immediate public health crisis that is affecting thousands of Americans and will affect even more until this body decides to address it.

CONGRATULATING THE STATE COLLEGE SPIKES ON THEIR NEW YORK-PENN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the players, coaches, and staff of the State College Spikes on their 2-1 win over Hudson Valley last night to capture the New York-Penn League Championship.

The New York-Penn League is a Class A Short Season baseball league which includes teams from across Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, Vermont, West Virginia, and Connecticut.

The championship represents the end of a great season for State College. The team set a regular season club record for wins at 50. Tommy Edman, a draft pick of the St. Louis Cardinals in June, also set the Spikes' single season runs scored record with 61.

Earlier this year, I had the chance to meet with the members of the Spikes' management in my office here in Washington, D.C., and I was happy to have the opportunity to learn more about the organization and their players.

I know how much the team contributes to the community and to the economy of State College. I wish them the best of success next year.

CONDEMNING NICARAGUA'S REPRESSIVE ACTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the repressive

actions and human rights abuses perpetrated by Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua. Ortega has forced the Nicaraguan Supreme Court to not recognize the leaders of two opposition political parties. He has removed 28 deputies and alternates from the National Assembly. He has chosen his wife to be his running mate in the upcoming illegitimate elections in order to continue the Ortega dynasty and has sent his thugs to break up peaceful marches by Nicaraguan civil society, who are demanding inclusive elections with international and domestic observers.

Mr. Speaker, there must be consequences for these actions, and that is why I introduced the bill, H.R. 5708, the NICA Act, alongside my friend Congressman ALBIO SIREs of New Jersey, to ensure that the United States will oppose any loans to this decrepit regime.

We must show the Nicaraguan people that we stand with them in solidarity and support their efforts to convene free, fair, and transparent elections.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND MEMORY OF OFFICER BRADLEY M. FOX

(Mr. MEEHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and memory of Officer Bradley M. Fox of the Plymouth Township of Pennsylvania Police Department.

Four years ago today, on the eve of his 35th birthday, Brad was shot and killed in the line of duty. He died protecting the community and the country he served, first as a United States Marine with two tours of combat duty in Iraq, then for 7 years as a Plymouth Township Police Officer.

Brad was a cop's cop. He was respected by his colleagues for his professionalism, and he was admired for his love for life, his love of sports, and, particularly, his love for his growing family.

Brad leaves behind his wife, Lynsay, and his daughter, Kadence, and a son, Brad, Jr., born just months after his father's tragic death. He left behind friends and family who loved him and cherished his memory, and a community that will be forever grateful for his sacrifice.

Semper fi, Brad, and thank you for your life and your service.

CELEBRATING PATRIOT WEEK

(Mr. BISHOP of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating what makes our Nation the greatest country in the world by recognizing Patriot Week, currently going on this week. My resolution, H. Con. Res. 58, does just that.

This is a cause that is very close to my heart, as I have always been in awe of the work of our Founding Fathers. In fact, when I was the Senate majority leader of Michigan in 2009, we became the first legislative body to recognize Patriot Week. Since then, events have spread to at least 10 States, where people of all ages have reflected on the work of great Americans who furthered the cause of liberty and our founding principles.

Patriot Week formally begins on September 11, paying tribute to those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of 9/11, and ends on September 17, by celebrating Constitution Day. Each day focuses on a different set of American values, people, and our most precious founding documents.

Mr. Speaker, in this time when our Nation has become so divided, we must renew our American spirit and let it endure for generations to come. We are blessed to live in the greatest Nation on Earth, and we owe it to all of the brave men and women who paved the way for us to get here.

I urge my colleagues to join me in participating in Patriot Week and supporting my resolution, H. Con. Res. 58.

DAR CONSTITUTION WEEK

(Mr. FARENTHOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, on September 17, 1787, the United States Constitution was signed by 39 inspired men who changed the course of history.

As a nation, we celebrate Constitution Week from September 17 to September 23 this year to remember the legacy and freedoms we all enjoy. The signing of the Constitution 229 years ago created a Republic that has withstood the test of time and that has proven that it was destined for greatness.

To this day, the United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to establish justice, to ensure domestic tranquility, to provide for the common defense, to promote the general welfare, and to secure the blessings of liberty. The Constitution has withstood the test of the Civil War, the Great Depression, and many other challenges.

We are blessed to live in a nation where we can all pursue happiness and safety and freedom, and I ask my colleagues to join me and the Daughters of the American Revolution in celebrating the Constitution and what it has done for each and every American during Constitution Week.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H.R. 5587, which reauthorizes the Perkins Career and Technical Education program through the year 2022.

Career and technical education programs help provide the vocational training needed to ensure our students have the technical skills to engage the world with the technology of today and tomorrow.

This reauthorization does more than provide funding for the next 5 years. It also gives structural changes to decrease the burden on local districts and increase engagement with local businesses and higher education partners.

More importantly, H.R. 5587 puts up additional barriers between politicians and students, preventing Sacramento and Washington from interfering with our educators.

Mr. Speaker, not every student is bound for college, but every student should leave high school with the knowledge and skills necessary to join today's workforce and have all the options available to them.

OUR DEALINGS WITH IRAN ARE A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY

(Mr. HOLDING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, one would think that, after receiving pallets stacked high with international currency shrouded in secrecy and the associated benefits of this administration's flawed nuclear deal, the leadership in Iran would want to change their ways. But when it comes to Iran, logic doesn't apply.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, the opposite has happened. Iran has become more confrontational. Tehran continues to develop and test ballistic missile technology, deploy advanced surface-to-air defenses at a "peaceful" nuclear site, and harass our naval vessels on the open seas.

The leaders in Tehran and in the IRGC are continuing down the same old path of aggression as they did before the nuclear deal. But now, Mr. Speaker, they have fresh resources and a renewed sense the United States won't seek to hold them accountable, both courtesy of the Obama administration.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the administration to wake up and realize that their policies and dealings with Iran are further threatening our national security.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2 (a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intent to raise a question of the privileges of the House.